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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Electrical Examiners
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware FIRST FLOOR PSC CONFERENCE ROOM Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	March 5, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Daniel Creedon, President, Professional Member
Bobby Murrian, Vice-President Officer, Professional Member
Nathan Schreppler, Board Secretary, Public Member
Michael Travers, Continued Education, Professional Member
Thomas Hartley, Complaint Officer, Professional Member
Robert MacLennan, Professional Member
Frank Beebe, Public Member
Richard Millar, Public Member
William Poore, Public Member

ABSENT

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Kevin Maloney, Deputy Attorney General
Maggie Strauss, Administrative Specialist II
David Mangler, Director
Marc Grey, Investigator

OTHERS PRESENT

David Smarte
Michael Langley
Mitch Heil
Pete Thursby
Joe Williams
Robert Smith
Jean Elliott
Cheryl Heiks

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Creedon called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Beebe, to approve the meeting minutes from January 8, 2014. The motion was unanimously carried.

Emergency Meeting

Loss of License Holder – ST Electric, Inc.

Mr. Maloney called the hearing to order at 09:02 and stated that today's meeting was a result of the Loss of License Holder at ST Electric, Inc. The company has respectfully asked for consideration in the form of a temporary permit be issued to Michael Langley until he is able to schedule and sit for the Master Electrician's exam.

Mr. Langley stated to the Board that he does want to take the exam to be licensed as a Master in Delaware. He explained that he is currently the VP of Operations at the company, but due to the recent loss of license holder, he agreed to take that over that position as well. He further stated that he has worked under a Master Electrician since 2003, and gained licensure as a Master in NJ in 2012.

The Board deliberations began at 09:12. After review of the application and supporting documents, the Board was satisfied with the proof of experience and continuing education provided by Mr. Langley.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Hartley to issue a 100-day temporary permit to Mr. Langley, as well as allow him to take the Delaware Master Electrician examination. The motion was unanimously carried.

The meeting went off record and adjourned at 09:15.

**Mr. Creedon adjourned the meeting at 09:16 to finish the review of applications. The meeting reconvened at 09:26.

Re-Review of Applications

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Schreppler to approve the application of Mitchell Heil to sit for the Master Electrician exam. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Murrian to approve the applications of Leon Shaw and Joe Abuiso to sit for the Master Specialty Elevator Electrician exam. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Schreppler to table the Master Electrician application of Richard A. Yates for lack of proof of 5 years of experience as an electrician in the State of Maryland. The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Applications for Final Denial

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Schreppler to impose a final denial on the Journeyperson applications of: James Caputo and Alan Pearce for lack of response to Board request. The motion was unanimously carried.

New Business

Review of Examination Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Murrian, second by Mr. MacLennan to approve the applications of: Brian Martin, Michael D. Baker, Lemuel A. Dyson, III, Leandro P. De Freitas, and Everton G. Reid to sit for the Master Electrician exam. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Murrian to approve the applications of John S. Lee and John Quinn to sit for the Master Specialty Elevator Electrician exam. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Murrian, second by Mr. MacLennan to approve the application of Matthew R. Schneiders to sit for the Limited Electrician examination. The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Journeyperson Applications

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Hartley to approve the applications of: Richard W. Bernard, Chad DeBruine, Thomas R. Medford, Peter Mizenko, Jeffrey A. Brown, Jr., Kevin Dougherty, Kurt Worley, and Tilmon E. Gabbert to sit for the exam of Journeyperson. The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Apprentice Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Murrian, second by Mr. MacLennan to approve the Apprentice application of Jameel R. Bolden contingent upon proof of enrollment from the school on official letterhead. The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Reciprocity Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Beebe, second by Mr. MacLennan to approve the Master Electrician application of Robert Eigenbrode. The motion was unanimously carried.

Ratification of Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Beebe, second by Mr. Schreppler to approve the ratification of Apprentice Electrician applications of: Cordell S. Haynes, Ryan M. Ellis, Elijah J. Gibson, Brandon A. Ali, Gunnar P. Bolton, Andrew D. Golder, Thomas R. Smith, John V. Pinno, Kyle X Kelly, Kyle P. Luba, Jeremy R. Nieuweboer, Dominique Walker and Malcolm B. Mustafaa. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Creedon to approve the ratification of Journeyperson Electrician applications of: Jacob M. Gibbons, William D. Crockett, Lemuel A. Dyson, III, Israel D. Moya, Brian S. Blattner, Wesley Hollingsworth, John A. Storace, and Bret B. Blanch, Sr. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Murrian, second by Mr. Beebe to approve the ratification of Master Electrician Special-Elevator applications of: Jeff M. Liljestrand, Alan J. Wittenberger, David Larson, Jr., Robert K. Marple and William U. Brown. The motion was unanimously carried.

Applications for Review – Deputy Attorney General

A motion was made by Mr. Beebe, second by Mr. MacLennan, to approve the Apprentice application of Matthew Sweeney and Quennel I. Chapman. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Beebe, second by Mr. MacLennan, to propose to deny the Journeyman Electrician application of Michael J. Rayburn for having been convicted of crimes substantially related to the profession of electrical services. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Murrian, second by Mr. Travers to deny the application for a Homeowner's Permit to Jonathan Goerlitz pursuant Section 14.0 of the Board's Rules and Regulations and 14 Del. C §1417. The motion was unanimously carried.

Complaints Status

01-01-12-Assigned to Hearing Officer
01-02-12-Office of Attorney General
01-04-12-Assigned
01-06-12-Office of Attorney General
01-07-12-Office of Attorney General
01-08-12-Office of Attorney General
01-09-12-Assigned
01-12-12-Office of Attorney General
01-16-12-Office of Attorney General
01-18-12-Office of Attorney General
01-21-12-Office of Attorney General
01-22-12-Office of Attorney General
01-24-12-Assigned
01-25-12-Office of Attorney General
01-03-13-Office of Attorney General
01-04-13-Office of Attorney General
01-05-13-Office of Attorney General
01-06-13-Office of Attorney General
01-07-13-Office of Attorney General
01-08-13-Assigned
01-09-13- Office of Attorney General
01-10-13-Office of Attorney General
01-11-13-Office of Attorney General
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01-13-13-Assigned
01-14-13-Assigned
01-15-13-Office of Attorney General
01-16-13-Office of Attorney General
01-17-13-Assigned
01-18-13-Assigned to Hearing Officer
01-19-13-Assigned
01-20-13- Office of Attorney General
01-21-13-Assigned
01-22-13-Assigned
01-23-13 – Assigned
01-24-13 - Office of Attorney General
01-25-13 – Assigned to Hearing Officer
01-26-13 - Office of Attorney General
01-27-13 - Office of Attorney General
01-28-13 - Office of Attorney General
01-29-13 - Office of Attorney General
01-01-14 – Assigned

01-02-14 - Assigned
01-03-14 – Assigned
01-04-14 – Closed
01-05-14 – Office of Attorney General
01-06-14 – Office of Attorney General
01-07-14 – Office of Attorney General
01-08-14 – Assigned

Continued Education

A motion was made by Mr. Travers, second by Mr. Schreppler, to approve the following continuing education courses, and the motion was unanimously carried:

The Electrical Association of Philadelphia

High Voltage Systems; equipment & Safety – 8 hours
Identifying Power Quality Issues – 8 hours

Electric League of Maryland

Understanding Basic Motor Controls – 10 hours
How NEC 2014 Applies to Estimating – 10 hours

NAEC

MOD Coupler Installation Demo – 0.50 hours
Employee Improvement Program Impacts Products, Customer Service & Profits – 0.50 hours
The World is Flat...ETP V. ETT Traveling Cables – 1 hour
The Evolution of Elevator Control Systems – 1 hour
Improving Hydraulic Elevator Performance with a Leveling System Upgrade
0.50hr
Electrical Safety – 1 hour
Principles of ITI In-ground Telescopic Cylinder – 0.50 hours
Comparing Layout, Set-up & Adjustments of Galaxy III to Galaxy IV – 1 hour
Load & Temperature Compensation Method, Green Hydraulic Lifts by Means
Inverter – 1 hour
Coated Traction Ropes – 1 hour
Watts Up with Cab Lighting – 1 hour
Addressing the Most Common Questions Related to Retrofit Code – 1.50 hours
The 3 & 5 Rule Squeeze – National Code Consensus for Smaller Running
Clearance – 1 hour
Fall Protection – 1 hour
Platform Lift Design: Top 10 Code Issues – 1 hour
Job Hazard Assessment – A Plan for Work Safety – 1 hour
Mechanical & Electrical Adjustment of MOVFR Door – 1 hour
Lightweight Stone Panel Systems for Elevators – 1 hour
3 & 5 Rule, Swing Doors and Clearance for Codes – 1 hour
Maxton Hydraulic Control Valve – 4 hours
Introducing & Installing the Rope Gripper & Various Training Procedures – 1 hour
Installing Hydraulic Elevators Quicker than the OEMs – 1 hour

@Your Pace Online

Delaware Electricians' CE – 10 hours

EC&M Workplace Learning Center (ReReview)

EC&M's 2014 NEC Code Change Conference – 16 hours

Local 313 Joint Apprenticeship & Training IBEW/NECA

Local Union 313 Apprenticeship – 5 hours
Basic Welding for the Electrician – 5 hours
Significant Changes to the 2014 NEC (part 1) – 5 hours
Significant Changes to the 2014 NEC (part 2) – 5 hours
Significant Changes to the 2014 NEC (part 3) – 5 hours
HVAC Technician (DTCC Certificate Course) – 5 hours
Leviton Network Solutions – 1.5 hours
Leviton Residential Solutions – 1.5 hours
Leviton Commercial Solutions – 1.5 hours
Leviton Wireless Solutions – 1.5 hours

Review & Signing of Final Board Orders

The Final Orders for: Lambert A. Brown, Jr., Peter V. Elmo, Matthew W. Estep, Gerard Jones, Barry Groves, Michael J. Guns, Keith Jones, Albert K. Leightner, James R. McMickle, Jacob Slawski and Dean C. Levey were signed by the Board members.

Review & Discussion of Recommendations of Hearing Officer

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Beebe to accept the Recommendations of the Hearing Officer as written of Peter J. Thursby and Keith Steele. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Hartley to accept the Recommendations of the Hearing Officer as written of Brian P. Smith. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Murrian to accept the Recommendation of the Hearing Officer as written of Niaz Mian. The motion was unanimously carried.

Signing of Orders

The Board members reviewed and signed the Decision and Order for: Blaine Clothier, Dennis Baldwin and Edwin Everitt.

ReReview of Solar Licensing Regulations

After further review by the Board, a motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Hartley to request changes to the proposal from IREC's Solar Licensing database as follows: addition of wording to reflect that Delaware requires electricians to be licensed according to 24 Del.C. § 1407, and Section 1.0 of the Board's Rules and Regulations, specifically 1.1, 1.2 and 1.4. The Board also agreed that some portions of this information need to be forwarded to DNREC. The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Rules and Regulations

The Board first addressed Rule 6.0; License and Insurance. Ms. Strauss asked for clarification on the requirement for liability insurance, specifically, that requirement as it relates to Elevator Mechanics. After deliberating on the issue, the Board agreed to revisit and revise the current regulation at next month's meeting. A proposed change will be drafted by Mr. Maloney and presented to the Board at the March meeting. A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Hartley that until a new regulation is in place, proof of insurance must be submitted with all electrical applications, with the exception of Journeypersons and Apprentices. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed questions submitted by Mr. Gerardi from Tidewater Utilities. The Board is requesting more specific information for the questions to be answered completely and correctly. A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Creedon to accept the answers provided, and to finish the unanswered questions when Tidewater provides more specifics. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Reciprocal States

Ms. Strauss brought to the Boards attention that several states licensure requirements have not been review for reciprocity/similarity in several years. After much deliberation of current reciprocity regulations and law, the Board has requested to potentially change or repeal the current statute regarding reciprocity. A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Murrian to further research DE's current reciprocity statute and discussion potential changes with the DAG, DPR, and the General Assembly over the next few months. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Creedon read a letter to the Board from L&C Electric, Inc. indicating that their company will be assuming responsibility for the project.

Mr. Creedon read a letter from Mr. Cropp regarding apprentice: journeyman ratio. His inquiry is best directed to the Department of Labor.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Mangler introduced himself to the Board as the new Director of the Division. He went on to address both the concerns of Ms. Heiks, as well as the Board, on the issues continually surrounding Prometric. Mr. Mangler stated that he has been in direct contact with personal at the company and is working diligently to provide an outcome that satisfies everyone.

Mr. Smith addressed the Board with concerns over HB 180 in regards to electrical work by factory trained employees. Mr. MacLennan clarified that factory trained employees can assist licensed electricians with troubleshooting & equipment maintenance, but changing ballasts constitutes electrical work, and DE requires a license for that. Mr. Hartley went on to clarify for Mr. Smith that DE does not recognize a national electrical license, regardless of what he was told.

Mr. Heil addressed the Board over concerns about HB180. He asked for clarification on the scope of a State employed Electrician. Mr. MacLennan and Mr. Hartley explained that all persons doing electrical work in the State of Delaware are required by law to have a license, and to be aware of the scope of practice allowable under that license type. A licensed Master Electrician assumes responsibility for all Journeypersons and Apprentices he supervises. All state employees performing electrical work are required to have the appropriate license to perform their specific job duties, and all state performed electrical work is required to have an inspection done, there are no exemptions from this rule.

The Board addressed the questions concerning a Take over Letter and if it is still required. Mr. Hartley stated that it is submitted when one inspection agency takes over from a previous agency. Mr. Maloney provided guidance in accordance with §1421(f).

Mr. Gray updated on the Board on a recent complaint case that was turned over to the Attorney General's Office.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be held on March 5, 2014 at 08:30 Cannon Building
861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware, Conference Room A, 2nd floor.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Beebe, seconded by Mr. MacLennan, to adjourn. The motion was
unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30a.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maggie Strauss', written in a cursive style.

Maggie Strauss
Administrative Specialist II